



2005-2006 School Year

*Re: Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau- Teachers linked with judicial and attorney speakers for classroom presentations and court tours.*

Dear Interested Educator,

Every year the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda in collaboration with local bar associations and other interested legal community members participate in the national Law Day celebration by reaching out to help the public understand how our freedoms depend on our great system of law. Through our Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau (BBSB), we provide speakers from the legal field available for classroom presentations throughout the school year. We also provide educational programs and court tours designed specifically to celebrate Law Day. In the following paragraphs are brief descriptions of the Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau and court tours.

### **Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau**

Through the Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau (BBSB), we link teachers to speakers who are judges and lawyers in Alameda County. Speakers are available to make presentations in the classroom at no cost to schools. Using a "*Request Form*," teachers may request a speaker to present on topics from any area of the legal field. Teachers can choose to have the speaker present on the current year's Law Day theme. The 2006 Law Day theme is: "*Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers*." In past years, other topics teachers have requested include: Law as a Career, Constitution, Youth and Law, and Role of the Court, among others. Furthermore, we hope to provide presentations that correspond with your class curricula or your school leadership program. We encourage teachers to indicate on the request form other topics that may be related to what students are currently studying. In 2004-2005, the BBSB provided more than 100 presentations or court tours, reaching approximately 2500 students. The BBSB has a pool of speakers from various backgrounds.

### **Law Day- Court Tours**

While Law Day is annually celebrated on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Court offers activities throughout the year, concentrating activities during the month of May. Activities include court tours led by attorneys and court staff, courtroom observations, and classroom presentations from volunteer judicial officers and attorneys. Court tours are also available any day with a two-week prior appointment. Please indicate your interest in court tours on the "*Request Form*." Unfortunately, we are not able to offer your students transportation to the courthouse for court tour activities. However, there are court locations accessible via either BART or AC transit.

If you are interested in participating in the Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau or in attending a court tour, please complete a “*Request Form*” and return it to Patricia Chabvepi at the Superior Court at least two weeks prior to your requested date. When your request form is received, staff will contact speakers who meet the request criteria. Once dates and times have been confirmed by both speaker and teacher, a confirmation packet will be mailed to both the teacher and speaker. Teachers will be given the speaker’s contact information for opportunities to discuss details of the presentation.

For further information contact, you may contact:

Patricia Chabvepi at (510) 272-3835 or [pchabvepi@alameda.courts.ca.gov](mailto:pchabvepi@alameda.courts.ca.gov)  
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Rene C. Davidson Courthouse  
Planning and Research Bureau, Room 104-M  
1225 Fallon Street; Oakland, CA 94612  
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Sincerely,

Honorable Leo Dorado  
Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
2006 Law Day Committee Chair

Honorable Gordon Baranco  
Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
2006 Community –Focused Court Planning Committee- Chair

Ms, Sheila Jordan  
Superintendent of Schools  
Alameda County Office of Education

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

**BENCH BAR SPEAKERS BUREAU  
REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Upon receipt of this form, you will be contacted with further information. Thanks for your interest!*

MAIN CONTACT PERSON (Please complete a form for each teacher/host if requested times or dates are different.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle Initial)  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Time(s) to Contact between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.: \_\_\_\_\_ Best method of communication?: Phone E-mail Fax Mail

**SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Name City Zip Code  
Organization Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Organization Fax Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Presentations are available throughout the year. Please provide dates and times (at least two weeks in advance) for when a speaker is requested. (Include four alternative dates and times.) Also, indicate below what topic you would like to have presented.*

	Date	Time
First Choice		
Alternative #1		
Alternative #2		
Alternative #3		
Alternative #4		

Please circle topic(s):	Constitution	Law as a Career	Democracy and Diversity	Juvenile Law/Youth Rights	Role of the Court	Other: _____
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1. Please *specify* what you would like the students/audience to gain from the presentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Approximately how many people will be attending the presentation? \_\_\_\_\_ What grade are the students? \_\_\_\_\_  
3. What audio-visual equipment are available? \_\_\_ Overhead projector \_\_\_ TV \_\_\_ VCR \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**COURT TOURS**

*If you are interested in court tours, please circle which court location you would like to tour. A court employee will contact you regarding possible dates and times.*

<b>COURT LOCATIONS:</b> *Directly accessible via BART (approx. half-mile walk)	Wiley Manuel/Allen Broussard OAKLAND	Fremont Hall of Justice FREMONT*	Hayward Hall of Justice HAYWARD	Rene C. Davidson and County Administration Building OAKLAND*	Gale –Schenone Hall of Justice PLEASANTON
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**Additional Comments/Special Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

*We look forward to working with you! Please mail or fax the completed form to Patricia Chabvepi-Tudosa at:*

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Classroom Presentation Schedule as of January 13, 2006

#	Year	Date	Time	Teacher	School	Speaker	Topic	Location
1	2005	Tuesday, Oct. 4	9:00-11:00 am	David Castillo	Unity High School	Ruxana Meer	Dem.&Div.	Oakland
2		Friday, Oct. 21	10:05-10:45 am	Hugh Bassete	Paul Robinson H.S.	Judge Baranco	Law as a Career	Oakland-- <i>cancelled</i>
3		Thursday, Oct. 20	11:15am-2:25pm	Joanna Belkin	Julia Morgan School for Girls	Judge Dorado	Law as a Career	Oakland
4		Thursday, Nov. 11	12:45-2:45pm	Ann Abeyta	Grant Elementary	Cynthia Podren	The Constitution	San Lorenzo
5		Friday, Nov. 4	12:45-2:45pm	Ann Abeyta	Grant Elementary	Michael O'Reilly	Role of the Court	San Lorenzo
6		Thursday, Dec. 1	12:45-2:45pm	Ann Abeyta	Grant Elementary	Cynthia Podren	Dem.&Div.	San Lorenzo
7		Friday, Dec. 9	9:40-11:50 am	Tessa Christenson	East Bay Conservation Corps	Cynthia Podren	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	Oakland
8		Thursday, Dec. 8	9:45-10:45 am	Davina Katz	ASCEND	Carole Raimondi	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	Oakland
9		Thursday, Dec. 8	10:45-11:45	Davina Katz	ASCEND	Carole Raimondi	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	Oakland
10		Wednesday, Nov. 23	8:30-9:30 am	Kjirsti O'Brien	Bancroft M.S.	Ruxana Meer	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	San Leandro
11		Wednesday, Nov. 16	1:00-2:00 pm	Kjirsti O'Brien	Bancroft M.S.	Candi Goldman	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	San Leandro
12		Tuesday, Nov. 29	8:30-9:30 am	Kjirsti O'Brien	Bancroft M.S.	Sally Keane	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	San Leandro
13		Friday, Dec. 9	10:27-11:24 am	Ann Denson	Ochoa M.S.	Sandy Bean	Bill of Rights	Hayward
14		Friday, Dec. 9	12:59-1:56 pm	Ann Denson	Ochoa M.S.	Sandy Bean	Bill of Rights	Hayward
15		Friday, Dec. 9	10:00-10:50 AM	Nisha Gilbert	Valley H.S.	Pat Kernan	Law as a Career	Dublin
16		Friday, Dec. 9	11:00am-12:00pm	Davina Katz	ASCEND	Dora Dome	Law as a Career & Family Law	Oakland
17		Friday, Dec. 9	1:00-2:00pm	Davina Katz	ASCEND	Dora Dome	Law as a Career & Family Law Const./Juvenile/	Oakland
18	2006	Thursday, January 19	8:00-11:00am	Arca Shelley	John M. Horner Jr. High	Calvin James	Role of the Court Const./Juvenile/	Fremont
19		Thursday, January 19	12:30-2:15 pm	Arca Shelley	John M. Horner Jr. High	Calvin James	Role of the Court	Fremont
20		Tuesday, Jan. 10	10:15-11:40 am	Amy Anderson	Buena Vista Juvenile Hall	Michael O'Reilly	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	San Leandro

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21	2006	Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006	10:15-11:40 am	Amy Anderson	Buena Vista Juvenile Hall	Calvin James	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	San Leandro
22		Monday, Jan. 9	9:16-9:56 am	Kahlelah Croom	Brenkwitz H.S.	Laura Lane or Marc Janowitz	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	Hayward
23		Monday, Jan. 9	11:18-11:58 am	Kahlelah Croom	Brenkwitz H.S.	Laura Lane or Marc Janowitz	Juvenile Law; Youth Rights	Hayward
24		Friday, Jan. 13	12:35-1:20 pm	Gabrielle Klein	Pleasanton M.S.	Cherie Davis	Law as a Career	Pleasanton
25		Friday, Jan. 20	8:00-10:00 am	David Castillo	Unity High School	Candi Goldman	Civil Liberties	Oakland
26		Friday, Jan. 20	10:00-10:55 am	Kay Barton	Mission San Jose H.S.	Michael O'Reilley	Court as a separate branch	Fremont
27		Friday, Jan. 20	11:02-11:54 am	Kay Barton	Mission San Jose H.S.	Michael O'Reilley	Court as a separate branch	Fremont

<b>ALAMEDA</b> George E. McDonald Hall of Justice 2233 Shoreline Drive Alameda, CA 94501	Exit at the Fruitvale station and take the AC transit bus #50 to the Southshore Shopping Center. The Hall of Justice is located behind the shopping center.	<a href="http://transitinfo.org">http://transitinfo.org</a>
<b>FREMONT</b> Fremont Hall of Justice 39439 Paseo Padre Parkway Fremont, CA 94538	Exit at the Fremont station. Upon leaving the station, you may take AC transit bus #24 to the Hall of Justice. You may also walk from the BART station. Exit the front of the station and through the parking lot to the Civic Center Drive. Proceed to the left until you come to Walnut Avenue and go right one block. You are now at Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left on to Paseo Padre Parkway. You will see the courthouse on the right side, first building.	
<b>HAYWARD</b> Hayward Hall of Justice 24405 Amador Street Hayward, CA 94544	Exit at the Hayward station. Transfer to any of the following three AC transit buses: #86 to Winton Avenue exit at Amador Street and walk one-half block South. #90 to Winton Avenue exit at Santa Clara Street and walk one block East on Winton to Amador Street. #92 exit at Amador Street and Elmhurst Street and walk one-half block North on Amador Street to the courthouse.	
<b>OAKLAND</b> Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse 661 Washington Street Oakland, CA 94607 Allen E. Broussard Justice Center Washington Street Oakland, CA 94607  Rene C. Davidson Courthouse 1225 Fallon Street Oakland, CA 94612	Exit at the Oakland City Center 12th Street station on 12th and Broadway. The Courthouse is six blocks west and 1 block north of the BART station at 7th and Washington Streets. You can take an AC transit bus (#58, #59, #88) down Broadway to within 1 block of the Courthouses. Or, exit at the Lake Merritt station on 9th and Oak Street. The Courthouses are 7 blocks North and 2 blocks West from the station. AC transit bus #82 will get you close.  Exit at Lake Merritt station at 9th and Oak Street. The Courthouse is 3 blocks east of the BART station at 12th and Oak Street and 1 block past the Oakland Museum of California.	
<b>PLEASANTON</b> Gale-Schenone Hall of Justice 5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588	Take Pleasanton line to the Pleasanton station. Courthouse is about 1 mile from BART. Go east on Owens to Hacienda Dr. Right on Hacienda Drive. Left on Gibraltar. Left on Stoneridge Drive. The Courthouse is located on the right hand side.	